

DEMOCRATIC TALKS.

MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON.

A Resolution of Inquiry--O'Connell on Education--A Working Congress--Personal and Briefs.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, January 29.--At a meeting of the Virginia Democratic Association held last night speeches were made by three invited congressional guests--Messrs. McAdoo, of New Jersey; Gibson, of West Virginia; and Crain, of Texas. The first named made a conservative Democratic address. Mr. Crain's topic was the education bill, on which he presented the views of the commonwealth of Texas. A resolution was adopted inquiring by whose influence J. D. Abrahams was appointed Deputy Comptroller of the Currency and reciting that he had not been a resident of Virginia for twenty years.

Some inquiry into the Attorney-General's views while a senator on the constitutionality of the inter-state commerce bill develops the fact that Mr. Garland held that the provision for a commission with judicial as well as executive functions was clearly unconstitutional. Senator Vance says that the President, since his signature of the oleomargarine bill, has been to no constitutional kinks, and will undoubtedly sign the inter-state commerce bill. The wish may be father to the prophecy.

THE OPINION OF SENATOR VANCE that there will be no breach with England and the Canadian fisheries and rights or claims of American fishermen. Other senators are not so optimistic. The Senator alluded to contends that the good sense and fellowship of the two countries will prevent a rupture. A treaty will probably be soon arranged.

A WORKING CONGRESS. Mr. Barbour, who is one of the oldest and most thoughtful of the southern members, remarked to-day that the second session of the Forty-ninth Congress had been a working congress, not only in that it had been characterized by great harmony between the parties and between individuals. Ex-Member Phil Thompson said in the corridor that it had been a working Congress beyond all doubt. "If the House had done nothing else," it had made a reputation that would live in history by the passage of the inter-state commerce bill."

OFFICIAL ON EDUCATION.

While the House was in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union this afternoon Mr. O'Connell obtained the floor and made an orate speech on the importance of education as a measure of public safety and means of progress. He urged with energy and literary facility that the bill was constitutional, wise, and timely, and that it was a reply to intemperance, that he hoped the bill would be considered formally and passed.

The sub-committee of the House Committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Messrs. Culberson, Elden, and Parker, heard Mr. O'Connell's address in favor of the two bills providing for a centennial celebration of the sixteen American republics, and the collection and preservation of the archives. One of these is by Mr. Randall, the other by Mr. Townsend. Mr. William Wirt Henry made an eloquent speech in favor of both of these. He advocated holding the celebration at Philadelphia.

Colonel Cabell is of the opinion that if the pleuro-pneumonia bill had been put on its passage last night it would have been defeated. He is strongly opposed to the measure.

BRIEFS.

Mr. Wise presented the petition of Alfred R. Rubin, of Henrico county, which was referred to the Committee on Claims. He also presented the petition of Patrick Moran, a Treasury messenger, for one hundred dollars.

Mr. O'Connell presented the petition of S. M. Hammen and other citizens of Rockingham county, asking for the passage of the local-option bill for the District of Columbia.

William M. Postmaster at Blue Wing, Granville county, N. C.

An inner registered sack exchange, which except Sunday, leaves Norfolk at 10 A. M. and Elizabeth City, N. C., at 2:55 P. M. for the Norfolk and Edenton railroad post-office.

Messrs. W. W. Flournoy, W. W. Henry, O. P. Perry, Jr., Charles Milburn, Richmond; G. S. Bernard, Petersburg; L. B. Patterson, Lynchburg; Dr. O'Brien, Alexandria; S. S. Gilliam, Jr., C. J. Dutcher, and B. P. Noles.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Tucker died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at the residence of the latter at 1000 North Main street.

Messrs. Trigg and Tucker were ready to-day to go on with the bill to reimburse Virginia and other States for expenditures in the war of 1861-65.

From the House, Mr. O'Connell's speech was greeted at the close with tremendous applause, and he was warmly congratulated. His face having been somewhat heated, he took the floor early an hour.

MR. MANNING INTERVIEWED.

What He Says About the Proposed Bank Presidency.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29.--Secretary Manning's views were today called to the public attention by statements that he expects shortly to resign from the Treasury to be replaced by a new man in New York, and an expression was invited from him upon the subject of his resignation. He had not been offered the presidency of any such bank; that, according to his experience, it is customary to organize a bank and elect the board of directors before selecting the other officers, and so far as he knew this had not yet been done. Mr. Manning's remarks indicated that he did not wish to appear as expressing in advance an opinion upon a contingency which had not arisen. The fact that several of Mr. Manning's friends are among the organizers of the proposed new bank, and that a large number of heavy subscriptions for stock have been made contingent on Mr. Manning's becoming the president of it gives color to the rumors that he is to resign his place in the Cabinet in order to become the manager of the enterprise.

Final Dividend Declared.

WASHINGTON, January 29.--Acting Secretary Fairchild today declared a final dividend of 5 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the World's Exposition at New Orleans, payable out of the appropriation of \$355,000 made by Congress in aid of the exposition.

Fire in the Washington Navy-Yard.

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Representative Aiken's Condition.

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ACROSS THE WATER.

HORRORS OF EVICTION IN IRELAND--DWELLINGS LEVELLED.

War Preparations on All Sides--Great Britain's Attitude--Wholesale Hoarding of Nihilists.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)

Dublin, January 29.--The last evictions at Comashall took place yesterday. Three tenants were ejected and their dwellings were levelled to the ground. Two other tenants who were evicted were reinstated as care-takers. Agent Ross again offered his previous plan, asking in the case of one tenant one gale rent and offering to pay the costs himself. The offer was rejected. There was some trouble between the police and the crowd of onlookers and some stones were thrown. The disturbance at one time threatened to become serious. Two villagers were hit with policemen's batons, but a magistrate intervened to prevent further trouble.

The sheriffs, bailiffs, and police have left Glenbeg. The mother of one of the evicted tenants, Mrs. Clifford, who was a special magistrate in Ireland during Earl Spencer's administration as Lord Lieutenant, and who was particularly severe in his enforcement of the laws against the tenants, has written a letter sympathizing with the persons who have been evicted at Glenbeg.

LONDON, January 29.--Lord Dunsdale offered some time ago to his Galway tenants a reduction of 15 per cent. in rents. They demanded 50 per cent. reduction, and Lord Dunsdale refused to accede to their demand. Lord Dunsdale now agrees to reduce rents 25 per cent. and to reinstate evicted tenants. There is great rejoicing among the tenants over this victory.

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BERLIN, January 29.--It is ascertained that the continued concentration of German troops in Galicia and the huge transportation of war material further adds uneasiness in financial circles. There are also other war indications.

The Cologne Gazette states that at Mainz and in the districts around it the young men who were recruited last autumn and then sent home as supernumeraries are now under orders to join their colors by April. The Muhlhausen papers announce the purchases of large school-buildings at Zillbach for German troops. Reinforcements have arrived at Dieuze, Lagenau, and other frontier posts.

An Alsace journal reports that the French are building wooden barracks for German troops to accommodate 3,000 men, and at Corcieux for 3,000 more, and that at other places in the Vosges smaller barracks are being erected. The garrisons at Epinal, Bruyeres, and St. Vite have each been reinforced with 5,000 troops.

The Germanische Zeitung contends that the building of barracks by the French and the adoption of other measures are inevitable precautions in view of the reinforcement of German garrisons in Alsace.

The National Zeitung says it sees that France is preparing for immediate war. Germans need not discuss the truth of the assertions that France is only defending herself against possible assault.

Great Britain's Attitude.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)

St. Petersburg, January 29.--The Journal of St. Petersburg, commenting on the attitude of Great Britain with respect to foreign affairs as revealed in the proceedings at the opening of Parliament, says it could not expect from the Marquis of Salisbury any sounder or more equitable view of Russia's intentions than that which he has endeavored to make in the House of Lords on Wednesday. Lord Salisbury's statement in the House of Lords would enable Russia to form an opinion concerning Lord Salisbury's unsoundness of judgment. Referring to Bulgaria, the Journal says it is impossible for Russia to treat with the regency. Negotiations for peace between the Porte and Russia, however, the paper thinks, result in an arrangement based on Russia's programme for the formation of a government in Bulgaria, with which Russia has entered into these negotiations, and relieve her of the responsibility for the consequences of the prolongation of anarchy in Bulgaria.

Seven Nihilists Hanged.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)

PARIS, January 29.--La Indemnite, Rochefort's paper, states today that seven nihilists have been hanged in prison at Orense by the Russian authorities, and that ten other nihilists are being tried at Wilna for killing a colonel in the Russian army, and that 200 others have been recently sent to Siberia.

Military Preparations.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)

VIENNA, January 29.--It is reported that the Hungarian delegation at the Congress of Berlin has been summoned for a special session to vote credits for military preparations and debate other momentous questions.

A Brave Young Woman.

(By Anglo-American cable to the Dispatch.)

A Memphis (Tenn.) special says: A special from Helena, Ark., says: "The daughter of a family who has been a land-owning family for the past few days near having a stop put to his burglarious life last night. He entered the house of S. M. Watson, Eugene Burton, and C. L. Moore. At the latter place he found his way into an upstairs room occupied by Miss Ingeburg Thompson, daughter of Mr. Lawson Moore. Miss Thompson was awakened and called out to know who was there, whereupon the fellow 'left the room. The young lady's invalid father's room is just across the hall, and thinking it might be he, she set up in bed and listened for some sign that would indicate who the prowler was. While thus waiting the door again opened, and the burglar entered on all-fours. Miss Thompson then drew a pistol from beneath her pillow and pulled on him. Only one chamber was loaded, and after firing this and snapping four times the brave young woman hastily reloaded her pistol and followed the retreating figure down the stairs. He had made his exit, and no trace of him could be found. Miss Thompson's courageous conduct is highly commended, and her father regrets were expressed that he did not hit him. She speaks very coolly of the affair, and says that if she had not thought it was her father she could have shot him the first time he entered the room."

Why the Nightingale Sings.

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